Germs in the Classroom

Classrooms are notorious breeding grounds for germs that cause cold and flu. With so many children in one place sharing supplies, it’s no surprise that germs can easily spread.

A study from the University of Florida notes that the cold causing virus was still found in classrooms that had a daily cleaning regimen, due to ineffective cleaning.¹ To solve this problem, Lysol and the PTA are helping parents learn more about the importance of disinfection and germ education through the Healthy Habits Program.

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2. CDC. “Vital Health and Statistics, Current Estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, 1996.” Published October 1999

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22 million school days are missed each year due to illness²

Kids can touch and retouch more than 300 surfaces in just 30 minutes³

On average, desktops contain 400X more bacteria than toilet bowls⁴

The flu virus can live on hard surfaces for 48 hours³
Lysol® Healthy Habits Program

- Recognizing the importance of educating students, parents and teachers about health & hygiene, Lysol®, the PTA and NEA partnered to create the Healthy Habits Program.

- Founded in 2012, the program develops and shares educational materials with the goal of helping to reduce illness-related school absenteeism.

Robust Healthy Habits Tool Kit
- Lesson plans for grades Pre-K – 6
- Monthly activity calendars for parents
- Articles, Hand Washing Posters and Classroom Supply Lists
- Available at Lysol.com
Healthy Habits Program Today

Health Habits has evolved from educational materials to ongoing support for parents and teachers through additional programs, resources and partnerships.
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• Add Box Tops-eligible Lysol Wipes to school supply lists to earn cash for your schools
• Each Box Top is worth 10¢
• Send materials, like Lysol Disinfecting Wipes, to school to help teachers disinfect surfaces in the classroom to kill germs